

# Global School-based Student Health Survey

## Uganda 2003 Fact Sheet



The **2003 Uganda GSHS** measured alcohol and other drug use; sexual behaviors that contribute to HIV infection, other STI, and unintended pregnancy; unintentional injuries and violence; hygiene; dietary behaviors and overweight; physical activity; tobacco use; mental health; and protective factors.

The 2003 Uganda GSHS was a school-based survey of students in standards 1, 2, and 3. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce data representative of all students in standards 1, 2, and 3 in Uganda. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 90%, the student response rate was 76%, and the overall response rate was 69%. A total of 3,215 students participated in the Uganda GSHS. Students self-reported their responses to each question on a computer scannable answer sheet. For comparison purposes, only students aged 13-15 years are included in the analyses for this fact sheet.

Results for students aged 13-15 years	Total	Boys	Girls
<b>Alcohol and Other Drug Use</b>			
Percentage of students who had at least one drink containing alcohol on one or more days during the past 30 days	12.8 ± 2.6	14.1 ± 3.6	11.6 ± 3.2
Percentage of students who drank so much alcohol that they were really drunk one or more times during their life	15.2 ± 2.4	16.6 ± 3.5	13.9 ± 2.8
Percentage of students who had a hang-over, felt sick, got into trouble with their family or friends, missed school, or got into fights, as a result of drinking alcohol one or more times during their life	21.0 ± 2.6	20.7 ± 3.4	21.0 ± 3.4
Percentage of students who used drugs one or more times during their life	8.5 ± 1.7	9.4 ± 2.6	7.5 ± 2.2
<b>Sexual Behaviors That Contribute to HIV Infection, Other STI, and Unintended Pregnancy</b>			
Percentage of students who have ever had sexual intercourse	21.0 ± 3.5	29.4 ± 4.6	14.0 ± 3.3
Percentage of students who have had sexual intercourse with two or more people during their life	10.7 ± 2.2	16.1 ± 3.9	6.2 ± 2.3
Among students who had sexual intercourse during the past 12 months, the percentage who used a condom the last time they had sexual intercourse	73.7 ± 9.4	*	*
<b>Unintentional Injuries and Violence</b>			
Percentage of students who were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months	35.5 ± 3.5	39.3 ± 5.8	32.2 ± 4.0
Percentage of students who were seriously injured one or more times during the past 12 months	63.4 ± 4.8	67.0 ± 5.2	60.0 ± 6.3
Percentage of students who were bullied on one or more days during the past 30 days	45.5 ± 3.9	50.0 ± 5.6	41.1 ± 4.1

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<b>Hygiene</b>			
Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands before eating during the past 30 days	6.2 ± 1.5	6.6 ± 2.3	6.0 ± 1.7
Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands after using the toilet or latrine during the past 30 days	8.1 ± 2.2	8.5 ± 3.1	7.4 ± 2.7
<b>Dietary Behaviors and Overweight</b>			
Percentage of students who went hungry most of the time or always during the past 30 days because there was not enough food in their home	8.5 ± 2.6	7.4 ± 3.3	9.3 ± 2.7
Percentage of students who are overweight**	0.3 ± 0.2	0.2 ± 0.0	0.4 ± 0.5
Percentage of students who are at risk for becoming overweight***	5.3 ± 2.2	1.5 ± 0.7	8.8 ± 3.5
<b>Physical Activity</b>			
Percentage of students who were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day on all 7 days during the past 7 days	15.3 ± 2.3	16.1 ± 3.8	14.4 ± 2.6
Percentage of students who spent three or more hours per day during a typical or usual day sitting and watching television, playing computer games, talking with friends, or doing other sitting activities	27.5 ± 3.3	26.7 ± 3.9	27.7 ± 4.7
<b>Tobacco Use</b>			
Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on one or more days during the past 30 days	4.3 ± 1.3	6.2 ± 1.8	2.6 ± 1.7
Percentage of students who used any other form of tobacco on one or more days during the past 30 days	5.5 ± 1.4	7.1 ± 2.2	3.9 ± 1.9
Percentage of students who reported people smoking in their presence on one or more days during the past 7 days	43.1 ± 5.9	45.3 ± 8.5	41.0 ± 6.8
<b>Mental Health</b>			
Percentage of students who felt lonely most of the time or always during the past 12 months	10.6 ± 1.4	10.1 ± 2.2	11.2 ± 1.8
Percentage of students who seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months	18.8 ± 2.8	14.5 ± 2.6	22.8 ± 4.1
Percentage of students who have no close friends	10.6 ± 1.9	9.2 ± 2.4	12.0 ± 2.1

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<b>Protective Factors</b>			
Percentage of students who missed classes or school without permission on one or more days during the past 30 days	34.8 ± 3.8	36.9 ± 5.9	32.6 ± 4.3
Percentage of students who reported that most of the students in their school were never or rarely kind and helpful during the past 30 days	29.2 ± 3.5	30.1 ± 6.0	27.8 ± 2.9
Percentage of students whose parents or guardians never or rarely really knew what they were doing with their free time during the past 30 days	30.5 ± 3.2	31.5 ± 5.0	29.9 ± 2.7

\*Indicates data were not available.

\*\*Students who were at or above the 95th percentile for body mass index by age and sex based on reference data from Cole, Bellizzi, Flegal, and Dietz, British Medical Journal, May, 2000.

\*\*\*Students who were at or above the 85th percentile but below the 95th percentile for body mass index by age and sex based on reference data from Cole, Bellizzi, Flegal, and Dietz, British Medical Journal, May, 2000.

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